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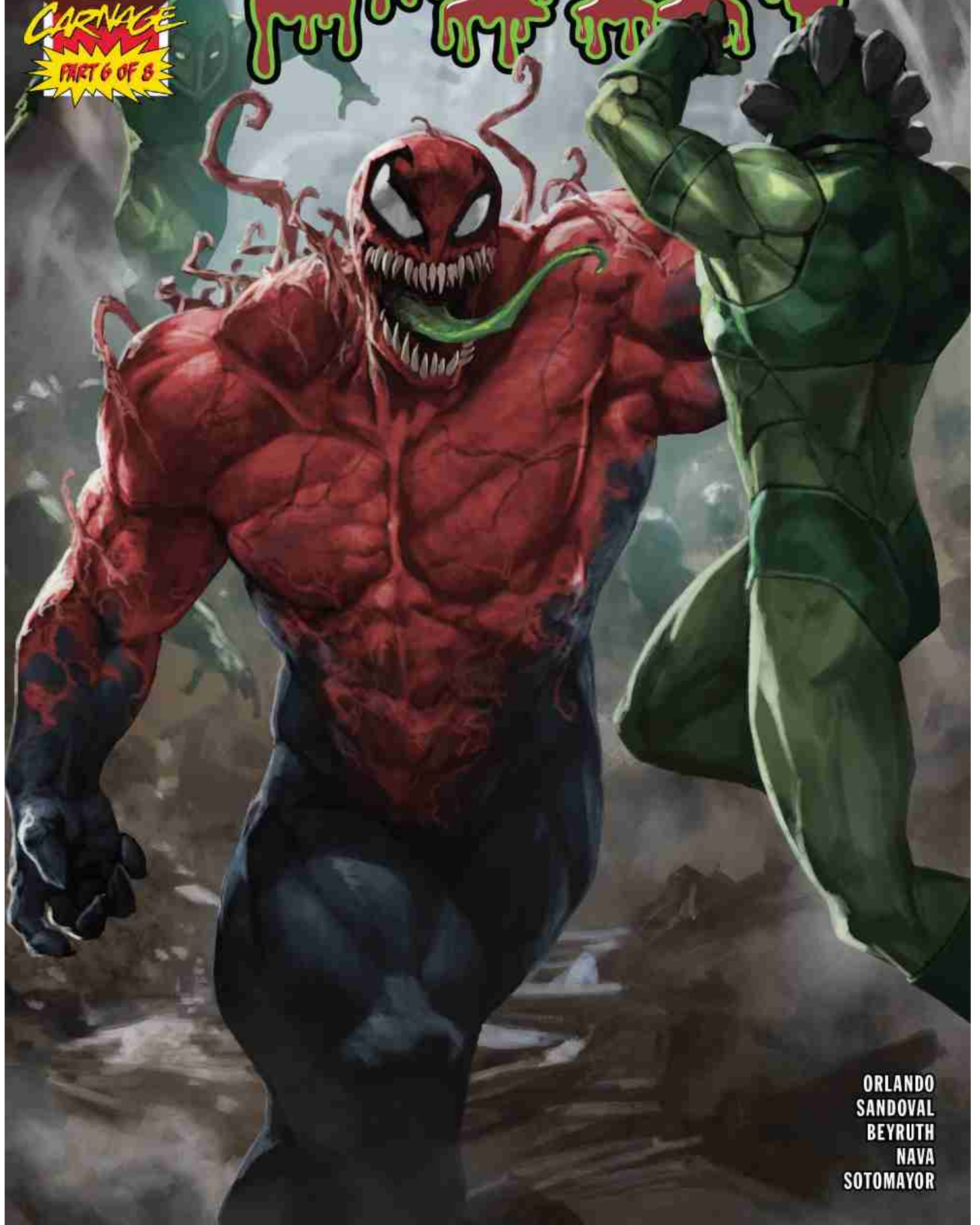
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EXTREME

CARNAGE

PART 6 OF 8

TOXIN



ORLANDO
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YEARS AGO, THE ALIEN SYMBIOTE CALLED VENOM SPAWNED ITS FIRST KNOWN OFFSPRING, CARNAGE. IN TIME, CARNAGE SPAWNED AS WELL, BIRTHING THE 1000TH SYMBIOTE IN THEIR FAMILY'S GENEALOGY.

PROPHESIZED AS BEING STRONGER AND MORE DANGEROUS THAN ALL OF ITS PROGENITORS, THIS SYMBIOTE HAS HAD A NUMBER OF HOSTS ON EARTH. MOST RECENTLY, IT HAS BONDED TO A TEENAGE BOY -- BREN WATERS. HE MAY BE A BRAND-NEW HOST, BUT LIKE ALL THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE HIM, BREN NOW BEARS THE NAME...

EXTREME CARNAGE

TOXIN

PEOPLE ARE DYING.

ONE BY ONE, CARNAGE HAS PSYCHICALLY CORRUPTED ITS YOUNGER SIBLINGS, THE LIFE FOUNDATION SYMBIOTES, REACHING OUT THROUGH THE TELEPATHIC LINK THEY ALL SHARE= THE HIVE.

CARNAGE HAS LEFT A TRAIL OF BODIES IN HIS WAKE, USING THE LIFE FOUNDATION SYMBIOTES AS HIS WILLING EMISSARIES. WHILE HIS BLOODLUST MAY BE STRONGER THAN EVER BEFORE, CARNAGE'S ULTIMATE GOAL REMAINS UNCLEAR...

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**TORT HILL, STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK.
A FEW WEEKS AGO.**

THESE ARE
THE STAKES. TO
MAKE A WORLD IN WHICH
ALL HUMAN CHILDREN CAN
LIVE OR RETURN TO
THE DARK.

WE MUST PROTECT
ONE ANOTHER, OR
DIE. KEEP OUR STREETS
OURS. CALL YOUR
REPRESENTATIVES.

AND TELL
THEM YOU
SUPPORT THE
FRIENDS OF
HUMANITY.



CAN YOU
BELIEVE THIS
GUY, DAD?

FRIENDS OF HUMANITY?
SOME OF YOUR BEST
FRIENDS AREN'T HUMAN.

NOT ALL MY FRIENDS
ARE BONDED TO ME
AT THE CELLULAR
LEVEL, TOXIN.

SOMETHING ISN'T
RIGHT ABOUT KRANE,
BREN. EVERY WORD
IS LIKE A DRUMBEAT
IN MY HEAD.



WHO-KRANE?
I DON'T NEED SOME
SENATOR TELLING ME
WHAT TO BE AFRAID
OF, SON.

BUT THESE
DAYS, HE'S NOT
WRONG ABOUT
ALIENS. GOT TO
PROTECT YOUR
OWN KIND.

AND THAT'S...
WHAT YOU'RE
DOING AT
ALCHEMAX?



PROMOTION'S A PROMOTION.
START HELPING WITH THE **BILLS**.
THEN YOU CAN WORRY HOW
THEY GET PAID.

SORRY,
SIR.

SOME DAD
YOU GOT
THERE, BREN...

"...AND I SHOULD KNOW."

NOW.

BOOM

YOU'RE SWEATING. WANT ME TO PEDAL FOR A WHILE?

SOMEONE ATTACKED ALCHEMAX, TOXIN. MY DAD'S WORKING TODAY!

FOR THE PEOPLE VIVISECTING ALIENS LIKE ME-- YOUR FAVORITE BAD INFLUENCE?

DAD'S JUST A SECURITY GUARD, AND IT'S SYMBIOTE GROUND ZERO OVER THERE!

NO ONE'S JUST A SECURITY GUARD AT ALCHEMAX. THEY'VE GOT GUARDSMEN PATROLLING THE SKIES, BREN.

DAD CAN BE TOUGH, BUT I'M ALL HE'S GOT... YOU KNOW WHAT?

TO HELL WITH THAT GUARDSMAN! LET HIM TRY TO STOP US--WE'RE WASTING TIME!

YOU COULD TAKE OVER AND SWING US THERE IN HALF THE TIME, TOXIN.

HEY... TOXIN?

YOU OKAY?

THRUM THRUM THRUM

"WHERE'D
YOU GO?"

I HEAR
YOUR DAMN
DRUMS.

THRUM THRUM THRUM THRUM

AND
EVEN IF I
DIDN'T...

...YOU FORGOT
TO PICK UP YOUR
TOYS.

ALL THESE
GHOSTS LEFT
IN THE VOID...

...YOU MIGHT
AS WELL HAVE
SIGNED YOUR
WORK.

HEH...
I'M SURPRISED
YOU'RE ALIVE
TO FIND IT.

IT
REALLY IS
YOU.

DIDN'T
BROCK KILL
YOU?

BROCK? THAT
ABSENTEE GOD'S GOT
A WHOLE UNIVERSE OF
PROBLEMS. HE DOESN'T
CARE ABOUT ME...

...OR
YOU.

HOW MANY
ASS-KICKINGS
DOES IT TAKE FOR
YOU TO SEE...

...YOU NEVER
WERE TOO GOOD
AT SURVIVING ON
YOUR OWN?



I'M NOT IN
THE MARKET FOR
A REUNION. WHAT
THE HELL DO
YOU WANT?

TO
FORGIVE YOU,
SON. YOU JUST
KEEP DYING...



...AND
EMBARRASSING
ME.

SOME
OF THOSE
DEATHS...



...WERE
BY YOUR
HAND!



GET
READY TO
ADD TO THE
LIST!

NO!

HERE'S
WHERE YOU
FINALLY LEARN
TO FOLLOW AND
SURVIVE...

...OR GO
IN THE DELI
SLICER SO I
CAN DRIVE.

YOU'RE
NOT TAKING
MY BODY OR
MY HOST.

YOU'VE
HAD
PLENTY.

IT'S BEEN
A BUFFET OF
SOFT, DECENT
HOSTS, SURE,
KID...

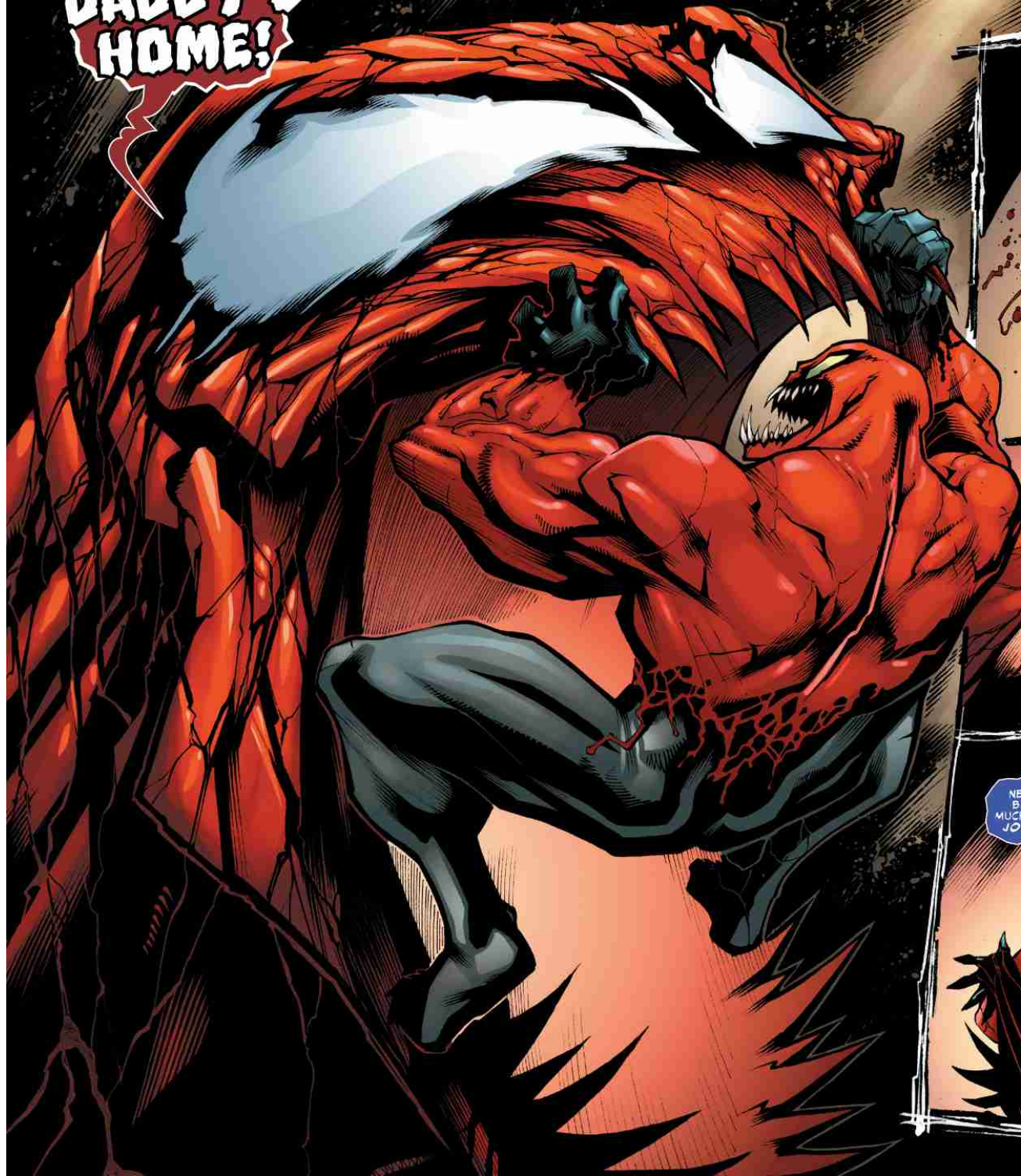
...THEY WERE
NICE RIDES, BUT
THEY NEVER GAVE
YOU A SPINE.

BREN AND
I ARE A TEAM.
I'M NOT SOME
CRAZED PARASITE
LIKE YOU.

AND I
THOUGHT
I WAS A
PISCEES...

AH,
WELL, WHO
NEEDS A DAMN
TEAMMATE?

DADDY'S HOME!



FACE IT, YOU'RE JUST A STAIN ON THAT KID'S BRAIN. YOU'RE NOTHING. HE DOESN'T WANT YOU...

...BUT MY HIVE DOES. AND ALIVE OR LOBOTOMIZED, YOU'RE JOINING.



I'VE GOT BIG PLANS FOR YOU...

AAARGH!

RRRIP



NEVER BEEN MUCH OF A JOINER.



PLEASE...

MOUTH PLAY?





HOW
DERIVATIVE!



BUT DON'T
WORRY, KID. I'VE
ALWAYS KNOWN YOU
HAD POTENTIAL.

CHOK



YOU JUST
NEED TO ACCEPT
HOW HOPELESS
YOU ARE WITHOUT
ME.



THIS FIRST
LESSON'S GOING
TO BE A ROUGH
ONE, SPROUT...



"...BUT IT'S FOR
YOUR OWN GOOD.

NYRRRAASH!

"YOU'RE THE 1000TH
OF OUR LINE. ANYTHING
I PUSHED OUT SHOULD
HAVE BEEN A PRINCE."





TIME'S UP,
MANIAC!

YOU'RE
STILL SO
STUPID!

IGNORE THE
CALL, AND IT'LL
BE JUST LIKE
THE REST OF
YOUR LIFE!

NOT THIS
TIME. NOT WITH
BREN.

RIGHT,
THE SAD BOY.
LISTEN, IT WON'T
BE LONG...

...SOME NEW
CAUSE, SOME
NEW FAILURE,
SOME NEW
TOWN...

...NEVER
MEANING
MUCH.

THE KID'LL
SEE YOU'RE
A LOSER SOON
ENOUGH.

YOU COULD
STILL BREAK
THE CYCLE LIKE
THE REST OF OUR
SIBLINGS. IF YOU
JOIN ME.

IF NOT...
YOU'LL JUST
BE PART OF THE
BLOODBATH TO
COME.

BRING
IT ON.

I BEAT
YOU IN THE
VOID...

...WHAT I DO
TO YOU OUTSIDE
OF IT'LL BE EVEN
WORSE.

YOU DON'T
GET IT. I COULD
NEVER FOLLOW
YOU.

MY WHOLE
LIFE, YOU'VE BEEN
A CRUEL BASTARD.
AND SINCE BREN
AND I MET...

"...HE'S BEEN
MY FRIEND."

OH, NO.
LOOK AT THIS
PLACE...





MOVING HERE WAS SUPPOSED TO MAKE THINGS EASIER...

BUT THIS IS WORSE THAN D.C.. TOXIN. NO PROMOTION'S WORTH THIS...

...TOXIN? WHERE ARE YOU, MAN?



HEY, KID! THIS IS A CRIME SCENE!

GET BEHIND THE LINE!



WHAT? I-- LET GO, OKAY? MY DAD WORKS HERE!

HE COULD BE INSIDE, OFFICER!



HE COULD BE--





DAD?!

NO.

LOOK
AT HIM...

BREN? WHAT
THE HELL ARE YOU
DOING HERE?

I SAW THE
NEWS. I WANTED
TO MAKE SURE YOU
WERE OKAY.

WASTE OF
A TRIP, KID...NO
ALIEN SNOT'S
TAKING YOUR OLD
MAN DOWN...

BUT WAIT,
YOU SAID THIS
WAS A **SECURITY**
JOB. I--I SAW A
GUARDSMAN
FLYING
OVERHEAD...

ARE...ARE
YOU **ONE** OF
THEM?

...ME?

"YOU THINK YOUR
OLD MAN NEEDS ONE
OF THOSE **GREEN**
DEATHTRAPS TO
KICK ASS?"

"I'M OKAY, BREN.
YOU DON'T NEED
TO WORRY."

DAD LOOKED
TERRIBLE...

...AND WHAT IF HE
WAS LYING? YOU
WOULD'VE BEEN
ABLE TO TELL.

WHERE ARE YOU,
TOXIN? YOU'VE
NEVER JUST
DISAPPEARED...



"...AND I COULD
SURE USE SOME
HELP RIGHT NOW."

WASHINGTON, D.C.

YOU ON,
THOMPSON?

LISTEN,
I KNOW WHAT
I SAID...

...BUT THIS
IS BIGGER
THAN WE
THOUGHT.

WHAT ARE
WE LOOKING
AT, HANK?

I'VE BEEN
SLOW TO PIECE
IT TOGETHER
BECAUSE THE WHOLE
CAMPAIGN'S
RUNNING ON
DOUBLESPEAK.

BUT WHATEVER
THEY HAVE PLANNED...
THE TARGET IS THE
PRESIDENT'S MONUMENT
DEDICATION DURING
KANE'S FOR HUMANITY
RALLY.

DOORS ARE
CLOSING IN MY
FACE BY THE
SECOND...

KRANE'S NOT WORRIED. HANK KNOWS ABOUT YOU BUT NOT US.

AND IF HE DOES GET TOO CLOSE, THE ONLY THING HE'LL FIND...

HE KNOWS WE'RE WATCHING. SHOULD WE TELL KRANE?

...I'M ALIVE TO MEET YOU.

...I THINK I'VE BEEN MADE.

BOTTOM LINE, THOMPSON: THE PRESIDENT'S IN DANGER. I'LL NEED YOU ON-SITE, ALONG WITH ANYONE ELSE YOU CAN GET.

BE AT THAT DEDICATION. AND JUST HOPE THAT WHEN YOU GET THERE...

...IS AGONY.



THE VOID.

I...I
REALLY DID IT.
HE'S GONE.

BREN'S GOT
NO IDEA. THINGS ARE
TOUGH WITH HIS DAD.
YEAH. OZKAR'S A
HARD-ASS.

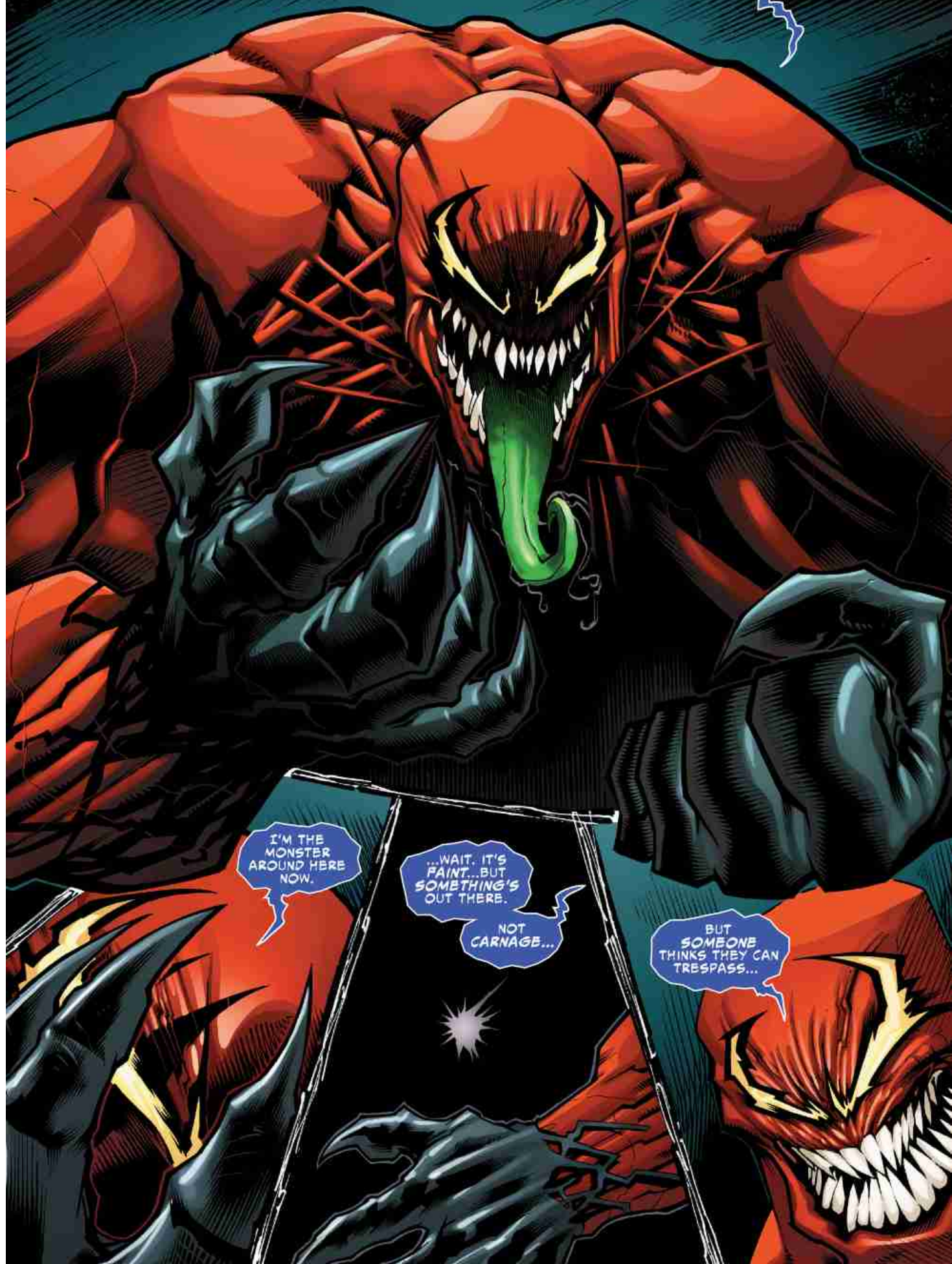
BUT
CARNAGE IS
A MONSTER.
OR WAS.

I'M THE
MONSTER
AROUND HERE
NOW.

...WAIT. IT'S
FAINT...BUT
SOMETHING'S
OUT THERE.

NOT
CARNAGE...

BUT
SOMEONE
THINKS THEY CAN
TRESPASS...





"...IN MY VOID."

...WHAT DO I DO NOW? IF TOXIN WERE HERE, WE'D SHOW WHOEVER HURT MY DAD. HARD.

HEY! I LIKE THE WAY YOU THINK, DUDE.



TOXIN? WHERE'VE YOU BEEN?

THE VOID. THINK OF IT LIKE THE ICLOUD FOR SYMBIOTES.



RIGHT...WELL, WHEN YOU WERE GONE, MY FATHER GOT HURT. LIKE, BAD.

IT WAS CARNAGE. HE SENT ONE OF HIS HIVE TO HIT ALCHEMAX...



I'M SORRY, BREN. SOUNDS LIKE YOUR DAD GOT CAUGHT IN MY DAD'S CROSS FIRE.

ANY GOOD NEWS?



WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. I THINK I FOUND SOMETHING IN THE VOID...

...SOMEONE. AND IF I'M RIGHT...

"...YOUR PAYBACK'S
ON ITS WAY."

YOU *SURE*
WE'RE NOT
ALONE HERE,
SILENCE?

WE KNOW
EVEN *LESS*
ABOUT THIS
PLACE THAN YOU,
ANTI-VENOM.

STILL...

...WE
SENSED
SOMETHING
DIFFERENT
OUT HERE.

OUR
HACKLES ARE
UP. FIGURATIVELY,
AT LEAST.

CARNAGE?

NO. AFTER
HIS LAST ATTACK,
WE'D KNOW CARNAGE...
BUT HIS *STENCH* IS
STILL IN THE AIR.

SORRY
ABOUT THAT,
HAVEN'T CLEANED
UP THE PLACE
YET...



...BUT
THIS VOID
IS UNDER NEW
MANAGEMENT.

TOXIN?
YOU'RE
ALIVE?!

AND
SALIVATING.
BUT YOU CAN
UNCLENCH. I
HANDLED
CARNAGE.

HOW?



BEATING HIM
HERE IS ONE
THING. HE'S GOT
A REAL-WORLD
BLOODBATH
PLANNED IN
D.C.

THE USUAL.
HE CUT OFF MY
HEAD. I ATE HIM
WITH MY NECK
STUMP.

AND WE
NEED EVERY
FRIENDLY WE
CAN GET.

DO I...
NOT LOOK
FRIENDLY?

ALL YOU
NEED TO KNOW
IS CARNAGE OWES
MY NEW HOST
SOME BLOOD...

...AND WE'RE
BOTH HOT TO
COLLECT.

THEN IT
SOUNDS LIKE
WE'VE ALL GOT
THE SAME
HEADING.

DUE SOUTH,
DEAD SET FOR
SOMETHING WORSE
THAN THE DEVIL...



NEXT: ANSWERS IN AGONY!



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Hello, readers! Tommy G. here again! What a ride **EXTREME CARNAGE** is turning out to be, eh? After that thrilling issue of **TOXIN**, I'm on the edge of my seat. Also, I share a seat with Editor Devin Lewis. We have a system. It works.

When I read Steve Orlando's script for **TOXIN**, I knew Gerardo Sandoval, Victor Nava and Chris Sotomayor would draw the hell out of the story—but this team exceeded expectations on every level. Each splash page is an absolute triumph. Between **SKAN**'s covers and the dynamic lettering executed throughout the series by VC's veterans, **EXTREME CARNAGE** is already a symbiote story for the ages.

But I could praise the book I'm getting paid to make **ALL DAY**. What really matters is what you think! I've included some of our recent fan mail below. Let's dive in!

Hey **EXTREME CARNAGE** Team,

Or should I refer to you as the Extreme Team? Just got done reading **EXTREME CARNAGE LASHER**—what an intense issue! The first half of this event has been extremely good (pun intended) and hasn't let up since the very beginning! From the return of my favorite character of all time, Flash Thompson, to the epic new Symbiotic duo of Andi and Silence I couldn't be happier! I could go on and on, but I wanted to end by saying that the team of writers and artists on this book have been doing a fantastic job and I can't wait to read the second half of the Symbiote Summer Event!

John Harris

Thank you for the kind words, John. I'm so glad to hear that you've been enjoying the story! I've been a fan of **Venom**, **Carnage**, and the **Life Foundation** since I was a kid. Seeing them return has been a delight, and pitting them against newer characters like **Flash** and **Andi** is incredibly compelling.

At the time of writing this, both **EXTREME CARNAGE ALPHA** and **SCREAM** have released alongside the previews to **PHAGE**. After reading through them all, I can honestly say that I am loving this story so far.

This feels like the kind of story us Symbiote fans have been wanting for a while. A self-contained, street level epic that brings us back to some of our favorite characters. Not only do these characters return, but they return to us at their best. Especially the titular character himself (and my personal favorite), **Carnage**! I absolutely love how he's being written here. I can honestly say that this is the best **Carnage** we've seen in a while.

With **Flash Thompson**, **Scream**, **Toxin**, and now the **Life Foundation** Symbiotes getting their share of spotlight, the future only looks brighter from here (or darker, from the perspective of our heroes).

In particular, I can't wait for **Toxin**'s return. Seeing him back in **PLANET**

OF THE SYMBIOTES #3 was so fun, and I'm thankful to have one of my favorite characters back.

Anyways, I just wanted to show my appreciation for this great story and the creative team behind it. This is the most fun I've had following comics in a very long time.

Jonathan A.

Couldn't have said it better myself, Jonathan! **Alyssa Wong**, **Steve Orlando**, **Clay McLeod Chapman**, and **Phillip Kennedy Johnson** have teamed-up to create something truly unique and exciting.

WOW!

Just wow! Silence just blew my mind. I love the design and colors! I love everything you all have done to make this eight-chapter saga come to life.

This seems like the perfect little series to fill in the gap from **VENOM #200** and everything that had happened after the **KING IN BLACK** event. Very curious to see if and how this could tie into **VENOM #1** out this fall. Cannot wait to see where this story can go from here. Keep it coming! The more brutal the better.

Jessie G.

Stay tuned, Jessie! I don't want to give anything away, but **EXTREME CARNAGE** is a fantastic story in its own right AND will certainly have ramifications for the wider **Marvel** world down the road. **Eddie** and **Dylan** are going to be put through the ringer in **VENOM**. **Al Ewing**, **Ram V**, and **Bryan Hitch**'s are taking the sinister symbiote in bold new direction while also delivering dramatic, blockbuster stories we all expect in a **VENOM** title.

So glad folks are enjoying **TOXIN** and **EXTREME CARNAGE**. Gosh, there's so much to talk about—so many more compelling comics coming up! Our **EXTREME CARNAGE** brain trust of **Alyssa Wong**, **Steve Orlando**, **Clay McLeod Chapman**, and **Phillip Kennedy Johnson** are building crazy momentum with each issue. The stakes are rising as the pieces of **Carnage**'s plan fall into place. **AGONY** by **Alyssa Wong** and **Fran Gaián** is next. **Carnage** has set his eyes on recruiting **Agony** and its new host into his new hive, but **Agony**'s got a plan of their own. I'm not exaggerating when I write that **AGONY** has one of the trippiest, most unsettling and far-out sequences in the entire story. It's absolutely...**AGONIZING**!

What is **Carnage** planning? Will a **Silence/Anti-Venom/Toxin** team-up be enough to stop him? I don't know...I better read the next script! See you in just one week for **AGONY**!

Stay safe!
Tommy G
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NEXT:



